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A. A. Phelps to Gilbert Durfee.

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Dear Brother Durfee

I rejoice that you will be able to spend three months or so in the service of the State Society. The Committee will be glad to have you begin your agency on the 1st of January, & are of opinion that you should begin with Plymouth County. That County society stands pledged to us in the sum of $1500 for the year, & they have paid scarcely anything. St. Clair will visit Bristol County soon & labor a few months, so that your labors will not be needed there at present. You had better visit most of the towns where there is any abolition, taking Kingston & the Bridgewaters first. Brother Russell in Kingston, & T. P. Ryder in East Bridgewater will be able to direct to the best fields & the proper men to call on for aid. Lest they should be away from home, I will give a list of names—

Abington, Joseph Cleverly.
Bridgewater, Moreton Eddy.
North Bridgewater, Rev Paul Couch, or Jesse Perkins.
West — " — Nahum Leonard.
East — " — T. P. Ryder, or Joshua Reed.
Carver — Ephraim Harlow.

Duxbury – Hon. Seth Sprague
or Wm H. Sampson.

Halifax, Rev. E. Paine.

Hanover, Rev. A. G. Duncan.

Hingham, Lairus Lincoln.

Kingston, J. Harlow.

Marshfield, (South) N. H. Whiting.

" —— (North) Edw. P. Little.

Middleboro – Horatio G. Wood.

" —— (East) N. Eddy.

Plymouth – Solomon Richmond.

Plympton – Col. Z. Cushman, or Mr Hayward.

Scituate (South) Rev. S. J. May.

This County will probably more than give you employment till the Annual meeting. At that time, any subsequent arrangements that may be necessary can be made.

Yours for the Slave

A. A. Phelps.

P. S. The terms of service I believe were stated to you some months since.